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TOWN AND COUNTRY IN BRIEF.

Local Events of The Past Week Recorded For Busy Blade Readers.

Jas. Hunter was over from Brookfield yesterday.

Mrs. Bert Allen visited relatives in Sumner this week.

W. L. Douglas \$3.50 and \$4.00 shoes for men for sale by J. W. Anderson.

If you want an extra good cake of toilet soap at a medium price, go to Barton's drug store.

Male Berkshire and Poland-China pigs for sale by Karl Jones, one-half mile north of Laclede.

Having sold his farm north of town H. P. Scott will hold a public sale on Thursday, September 3.

Take our advice and go to Gardner for your photos. You will save money and get first-class work. 8-8-4t

Jno. C. Brown left yesterday for Las Animas, Colorado, accompanying his brother-in-law, J. L. Carothers, home.

September magazines at Barton's drug store. Included in these are the Designer, Delineator and Ladies' Home Journal

Wm. Kraft is having another large wareroom built at the rear of his store. Mr. Kraft is having a fine trade and must have more room.

My residence property in Laclede, consisting of four lots, five room house, good barn and other improvements, for sale at a bargain. R. H. Humphrey.

If you have reason to believe your glasses are not right or your eyes give you trouble consult Dr. A. V. Griffith at the Foreman Hotel Saturday, Sept. 19.

We will sell Goldenrod and Edelweiss flour at \$1.20 for the next 30 days to make room for two cars of new flour. Avail yourself of this opportunity. Wm. Kraft.

A baby's long white cloak was found in the road west of Laclede Thursday evening and left at this office where the owner may recover it under the usual conditions.

J. Q. Aber and Ernest Thompson went to Milan Wednesday to attend the fair but returned in the afternoon as the fair was almost a failure on account of the rain.

T. M. Elliott has left at this office a basket of the finest potatoes we have seen this season and would be hard to beat in any locality, being large and well formed. They are a New York variety.

J. L. Carothers and little daughter, Medge, of Las Animas, Colo., spent a part of the past week with relatives and friends here. Mr. Carothers made THE BLADE a visit and deposited a dollar for renewal of subscription.

Another special train will be run next Sunday to accommodate those who wish to attend the last day of the chautauqua at Meadville. The train leaves Laclede about 9 o'clock and returning leaves Meadville after the night session.

If you are going to paint this fall, be sure you use the best paint. Go to Barton's drug store and get the Mound City Paint Co.'s Horse Shoe brand for your house or the Mound City Paint Co.'s Barn, Bridge and Roof Paint for your barn. These paints have given the best satisfaction for years and the price is only a trifle higher than many paints of very poor quality.

Merchant Prince Renounces Bryan

Franklin McVeagh, millionaire grocer and known the country over as the "scholar merchant of Chicago," friend of Grover Cleveland and leader in civic reforms, has become a republican and will vote for William H. Taft, November 3. In departing from the democratic ranks, Mr. McVeagh announces that he is actuated by the fact that his interest is in "progressive politics and in a party backing which makes them practicable."

Further defining his position, the merchant prince compared the two candidates for the presidency and says he is for Taft because Taft "will carry forward what Roosevelt has begun" and will be "another epoch-making president." As to Bryan, he remarks that the Nebraskan is "able an honest" but "lacks political judgement and common sense and would be extremely uncertain and unsafe."

Long before the national conventions were held, when it became evident that the nomination of Taft and Bryan as rivals for the White House was a foregone conclusion, the intimate friends of Mr. MacVeagh gathered from his comments on the political situation that his independence in politics would lead him to support the republican party in the present campaign.

The fact was not generally known, however, until Monday, when political circles begun to hum with the news that Mr. MacVeagh, who in 1894, had been nominated by the democrats of Illinois for the United States senate, had voted the republican ballot at the primaries August 8. Mr. MacVeagh now is at his country home in Dublin, N. H., and in response to an inquiry asking whether the reports were true, sent a telegram that night substantiating the rumors, defining his position and declaring the reasons that had led him into the republican ranks.

For years Mr. MacVeagh has been prominent in public affairs and has been recognized as one of the most influential citizens of Chicago. In the presidential campaign of 1884 Mr. MacVeagh became active in the independent party movement, leading the executive committee that flooded Illinois with campaign literature for Grover Cleveland. Ever since that he has been considered one of Chicago's prominent democrats, although he has not played in the active game of politics.

Poultry Facts Wanted

Do you raise poultry? If so, what kind? How large a flock have you? What did your sales amount to last year? How many eggs did you gather during the year? How many during the past month? The poorest month? How do you house and feed your birds? Have you a good local market? Secretary Geo. B. Ellis, state board of agriculture, Columbia, Mo., will appreciate answers to these questions; also anything else concerning your experience with poultry.

Mr. Ellis would also like to get some pleasing poultry pictures to be used in a pamphlet soon to be issued. We hope that many of our readers will write to him. Our county should be represented.

F. Bion McCurry of Salisbury, chairman of the Chariton county republican committee, was in Laclede Wednesday enroute home from attending the republican conference at Brookfield.

LOCAL DOINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Pungent Paragraphs Picked up by Our Perambulating Pencil Pusher.

If you want to know what the weather is to be next month read Ganderbone's forecast in THE BLADE today. You will feel better after reading it whether you know any more about the weather or not.

A Linn county exchange says a Missouri preacher is being tried at Hannibal this week "charged with immortality." If that was really the charge against Rev. Gow he would have an easy time clearing himself.

As many as can should attend the fair meeting in the park this afternoon. At this meeting it will be decided whether or not a fair will be held this season and if so a date will be selected and new officers elected.

Sheriff Anderson was in Laclede Wednesday. From what THE BLADE can learn Mr. Anderson is making a model official and is stronger with the people than ever before and will be reelected by a handsome majority this fall.

Services at the Methodist church next Sunday as follows: 9:45 a. m. Sunday school; 11 a. m.—preaching; 2:30 p. m.—Junior League; 8 p. m.—Preaching. Please remember that revival meetings begin Sunday, Sept. 13. E. M. Dugger, pastor.

The Meadville chautauqua assembly scored another success this week. The entertainment was of the highest class and the management and arrangements for taking care of the large crowds that attended was perfect. The assembly closes tomorrow.

Prof. W. R. Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Adams of Laclede, was united in marriage last Wednesday to Miss Jennie Johnson at the home of her parents in Purdin. They left that night for Arcadia, Mo., where Mr. Adams is principal of the city schools.

The Linn county fair held at Brookfield last week is considered by those in attendance the best ever held there. The attendance was a record-breaker and the management is certainly to be congratulated on the way it was conducted and for the splendid success it had.

Dr. F. W. Burke, chairman of the county republican committee, attended a party conference held in Brookfield last Tuesday afternoon. The meeting was presided over by Rush C. Lake, of St. Louis, secretary of the republican state committee, and prominent republicans from all parts of the district were present.

Street Commissioner Bottiger wishes us to call attention to that section of the city ordinance which provides a penalty for "staking" stock in the streets and alleys of the town. This law is being violated every day in certain parts of town and is causing complaints to be made to the authorities and arrests are liable to be made any day now.

In sending a dollar to renew his subscription to THE BLADE Jas. Wilkins says the Laclede colony at Walnut, Kansas, are all well and happy. From this we take it that there is a Methodist church and a saloon in Walnut because Mr. Wilkins would not be happy if he wasn't working for the church and against the saloon, a work in which he is a successful specialist.

Some Evening Reveries.

I have peeped into quiet parlors where the carpet is clean and not old, and the furniture is polished and bright, into rooms where the chairs are neat and the floors carpeted, into the kitchens where the families live, and the meals are cooked and eaten, and the boys and girls are as blithe and joyous as the sparrows overhead, and I see that it is not so much wealth, or learning, or clothes, or servants, or toil or idleness, or town or country, or station, as tone or temper that render homes happy or wretched. And I see, too, that in town or country, good sense and kind feeling, and God's grace make life what no teachers or accomplishments, or means, or society can make it—the opening stave of an everlasting psalm—the fair beginning of an endless and blessed existence—the goodly, modest, well proportioned vestibule to a temple of God's building that shall never decay, or wax old, or vanish away.

Henry Ward Beecher once said, "I think I am more grateful to God for the sense that came to me through my mothers and sisters of the substantial integrity, purity and nobility of womanhood, than for almost anything else in this world. After a long life I can say that I have not lost faith in women. The longer I live the more chivalric is my regard for them. I should look upon it as a fatal canker in my soul if I fell from my confidence in the general trustworthiness, honesty, honor and charity of womanhood. Therefore, when I hear young men, or men in middle life, or old men, cast gross aspersions on the character of women, I feel as if I were in a den of hissing serpents. My soul, come not into communion with such men; abhor them, pass by them, for they are themselves far down in corruption. If I hear a man speak contemptuous words of a woman, my heart sighs at the thought that he had a mother whose memory he insults."

A young girl errs once and the doors of human kindness and love are closed against her. But we reach the betrayer our hands and bid him welcome to our homes; we court and flatter him, and sacrifice our darling daughters to his greed, for is it not a sacrifice of love, purity and everything worthy to wed such a one? Does God ever smile upon such a union? If either be shunned, why not the betrayer of youth and innocence, rather than the one who has been wronged so grievously? We know that lips will curl with scorn and society will sneer if we reach our hands to the outcast, but God and the angels will be glad, and if a soul be thus saved, what matters it?

The rose of Florida, the most beautiful of flowers, emits no fragrance; the bird of Paradise, the most beautiful of birds, gives no songs; the cypress of Greece, the finest of trees, yields no fruit; dandies, the shiniest of men, generally have no sense; and ball room belles, the loveliest of created creatures, are very often ditto.

Jefferson Township Fair Meeting

A meeting of the Jefferson township agricultural society is hereby called for Saturday, August 29, in the Laclede park at 3 p. m. Every citizen of the township is a member of the society and is urged to attend and take part in this meeting. GEO. W. ANDERSON, Pres. MAY JONES, Sec.

HUMANITY ON THE MOVE

Brief Mention of Those Who Come and Go During the Week

Miss Emma Fifield was in Hamilton Tuesday.

Joe Reeder is at Iola, Kansas, at work in a cement plant.

T. D. Mouser made a business trip to Kansas City Thursday.

J. C. Cornett left Tuesday for a short stay at Excelsior Springs.

Ira A. Wilson spent a couple of days at the Milan fair this week.

Miss Lucy Bottiger is home from her visit with relatives in Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Elliott leave next week to visit friends in Kansas.

D. J. Kelley and F. E. Tolliver have moved their families to Meadville.

Miss Grace Wilson is home from Winona Lake, Ind., on a short vacation.

Lyman Jones has returned from spending the summer at Walnut, Kansas.

Frank Watson is home from spending a couple of months in Kansas.

Jas. and Steve Bassett spent last week on a prospecting tour through western Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wigle returned Thursday from their trip through Yellowstone Park.

Mr. Mathew of Mt. Auburn, Ill., has been here the past week visiting L. Eichman and family.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Wilson and little daughter visited relatives at Hamilton and Utica this week.

Wm. Kranz of Eckelson, North Dakota, sends in the cash this week for renewal of his subscription.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Kern of Marion, Iowa, are here this week visiting Jas. Bassett and family.

Mrs. Myrtle Johns of Milan has spent the past week here visiting her mother, Mrs. Geo. W. Adams.

C. E. Adams has rented the Caywood rental property and he and his mother will move to town next week.

Miss Blanche Bosworth of Brookfield was over Tuesday and spent the afternoon with Miss Grace Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Peer and son left last Saturday to visit relatives a week at St. Joseph and Scottsville, Kansas.

Circuit Clerk Wilson was in town yesterday on his way to attend a county Sunday school convention at Bucklin.

Ira S. Gardner, the popular republican candidate for prosecuting attorney, was mingling with the voters at Browning the first of the week.

Miss Kate Fluler of Elmdale, Kansas, on her way home from Illinois stopped off here this week to visit the family of W. P. Bottiger.

A. J. Baum has spent the past week with his brother-in-law and sister, Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Finkle of Drake university, Des Moines, Iowa.

T. M. Jones has sold his crop and stock on the Hetrick farm north of town to Joe Dye and has moved to town, Mr. Dye moving out to the farm.

D. D. and Clyde Gardner have been down from Kansas City this week visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Gardner on route three.